

FSAF review 2021

The Federal Supervisory Authority for Foundations' (FSAF) main task consists of ensuring that the foundations under its supervision use their assets in accordance with the scope as defined by the foundation statutes. It supervises Swiss foundations with a national or international scope.

January

The statistics for 2020 show a net increase in foundations under the FSAF's supervision of 106. In early 2021, it was supervising a total of 4,738 foundations

[FSBF foundation directory](#)

The 2020 accounting year closed with a deficit of CHF 1.48 million. In 2019 the deficit amounted to 1.07 million

[State financial statements](#)

An external consultancy firm took up its mandate. Over the course of several months it implemented a series of workshops and working groups taking place in addition to the Authorities' daily activities, the aim being to develop the organization sustainably and to restore its finances. This resulted in a double burden for the employees in 2021.

An event is held with around 30 pilot foundations for the eESA digitalization project.

[eESA project](#)

The organisational development project is linked to the eESA project.



The results of the staff survey conducted at the end of 2020 corroborate the decision to restructure the FSAF.

March

February

May

April

September

The six-month deadline for submitting annual reports expires at the end of June for most foundations. On some days, the FSAF receives over 100 mailings. Business as usual.

[Reporting](#)

The new director of the FSAF succeeds Helena Antonio.

The transitional organisation is set in place. It is estimated to be in place until the end of the year.

A new project manager is appointed to the eESA project.

The transitional organisation is set up in cooperation with the new director. For the first time, staff were divided into teams in the organisational chart.

Nils Guggi is appointed new FSAF director.

[Press release](#)



The consulting firm gathers feedback from external stakeholders such as cantonal supervisory authorities, auditing firms and associations.

October

November

The organisational structure set to come into effect early 2022 is communicated internally, with the emphasis on maintaining a consistent focus on legal supervision and the systematisation of a risk-based supervision. The 25 staff members are set to be divided into four teams.

[FSAF organisational chart](#)

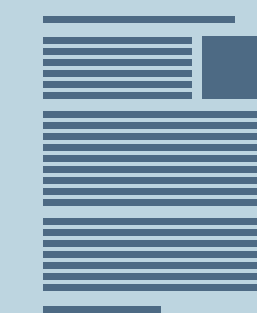


The Swiss Federal Audit Office takes up its audit of the FSAF following their reporting from 2021 and 2017. The audit focuses on the organisational development project and the associated eESA digitalisation project. The report is due to be published in summer 2022.

[SFAO audit report 15570 \(May 2017\)](#)

FSAF sends out its first digital newsletter to around 3,500 foundations.

[FSBF newsletter](#)



December

Good to know

A foundation as a legal entity has neither owners nor members. The FSAF is an instrument created by Parliament to compensate for the lack of checks and balances that owners or members would otherwise provide. It currently supervises 4,860 of the 13,500 or so classical foundations based in Switzerland.

2022

Even 2021 ends with a net increase in foundations under the FSAF's supervision: 4860 foundations (+122) are under federal supervision by the end of the year.

[FSAF statistics](#)

4860

Foundations


The 2021 financial year is expected to close with a deficit of CHF 98,000 – significantly less than in the last two years.

In the winter session, Parliament takes a final vote on the parliamentary initiative submitted by W. Luginbühl (14.470); it will not regulate the remuneration issue for foundation board members. The legal competence with regard to filing a formal complaint pertaining to the legality of foundation activities or to the conduct of the foundation bodies is amended.

[Pa.Iv. Luginbühl 14.470](#)

Several hundred foundations are sent a reminder concerning the submission of their annual report for 2020.

The external consultancy firm completes its mandate as planned.

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